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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. WE HAVE THE FUTURE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION. GIVEN RECENT EVENTS, HOWEVER, INCLUDING AT LEAST TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS (SEE SEPTEL), WE SEE LITTLE PURPOSE IN THE CONTINUATION OF TRAINING OR THE FLOW OF COMMODITIES INTO LAOS. THEREFORE, UNLESS SUSPENSION AFFECTS THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN LAOS, WE BELIEVE THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHOULD BE SUSPENDED. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHEN AND HOW THIS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE LAO.

2. AGREE THAT US MILITARY PRESENCE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO APPROXIMATELY THREE ACCREDITED SERVICE ATTACHES AND APPROPRIATE CLERICAL/SUPPORT PERSONNEL. THEREFORE, THE PLANNED MOVEMENT OF REPLACEMENT MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE

COUNTRY TEAM AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AGENCIES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED PENDING DECISION ON THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF COUNTRY TEAM.

3. FOR DAO VIENTIANE. REQUEST YOUR DETAILED PLANS MENTIONED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL BE SUBMITTED SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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